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Hell's behemoth is terrorizing humanity as Spawn rallies both allies and enemies to kill it.

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GODS HAVE TRIED TO CONQUER THIS PLANET A HUNDRED TIMES IN THE PAST--AND FAILED *EVERY* TIME! I PROMISE YOU THEY'LL FAIL THIS TIME TOO.
WE'RE *BETTER* THAN THEM AND ALWAYS WILL BE!
THEY'RE WEAK AND THEY **WON'T** ACCEPT THAT.

TAYLOR, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU?
STAY IN HIS BLIND SPOTS AND DON'T FLY TOO CLOSE.
HANG ON!
AND WHO ARE YOU, EXACTLY?
SOMEONE WITH POWERS THAT CAN HELP SAVE INNOCENT LIVES. SO, I'M JUST LIKE YOU.
THANKS TO TAYLOR I'M FREE FROM MY PRISON. BUT THAT'S A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME.
I'VE GOT THE FLANKS, HAUNT, IN CASE POACHER MAKES A MOVE.
I'M ON YOUR SIDE, SO STOP ACTING STUPID!

HE'S RIGHT, HE'S NOT THE ENEMY, THAT CREATURE IS. AND RIGHT NOW IT'S CONFUSED, IT THINKS I'M STILL SOMEWHERE IN HIS BODY.*
WE SHOULD STRIKE WHILE WE HAVE THE CHANCE.
*Last issue—Thomas
WE WILL, BUT LET'S ACT AS A WHOLE.
I TRANSPORTED FROM HIS BODY USING THE DARKNESS, HE SHOULD KNOW I COULD DO THAT, BUT IT DIDN'T.
SO, THE QUESTION IS WHAT ELSE DOESN'T HE KNOW? I THINK IT'S A LOT. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THOSE WHO AREN'T HELLSPAWNS.
YOU'LL BE ONES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

"...THE OTHERS WILL CONTINUE THEIR PRESS, BUT THEY'RE NOT GETTING THROUGH THAT ENERGY FIELD. WHAT THEY CAN DO, THOUGH, MAKE IT ***IMPOSSIBLE*** FOR THAT CREATURE TO COMPLETELY IGNORE THEM.

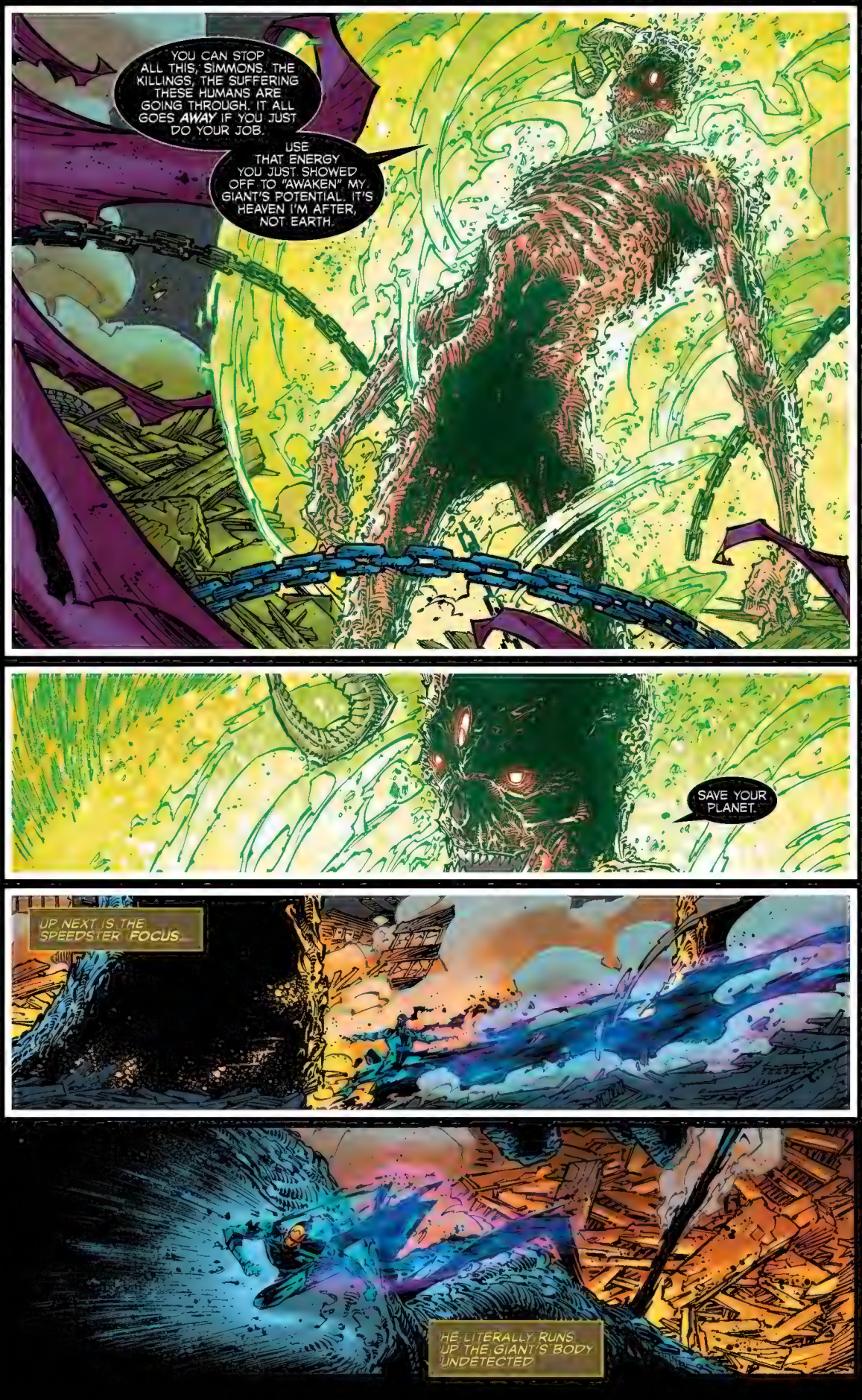
"IT THINKS IT'S ALREADY GOT ME UNDER CONTROL, SO THIS BUYS US TIME. TIME ENOUGH TO BRING THAT THING TO ITS KNEES.

"NYX IS CONTROLLING IT AND ALL SHE UNDERSTANDS IS HELLSPAWNS AND HUMANS. BUT NONE OF YOU ARE EITHER OF THOSE NOW, ***THAT'S*** A GOOD THING.

SO, WHAT DO WE DO?
WE ALTER OUR PLANS. THE ONES I GAVE YOU BEFORE.
I THOUGHT NYX WOULD BE MORE SOPHISTICATED WHEN SHE CONSTRUCTED THAT MONSTER-- SHE WASN'T.
IT'S NOT MUCH MORE THAN A KILLING MACHINE.
I SAW THAT UP CLOSE WHEN I WAS INSIDE IT.
THAT I WAS ABLE TO TRANSPORT OUT OF IT SO EASILY TELLS ME SHE'S NOWHERE NEAR READY FOR THIS FIGHT. NOT WITH YOU HERE!

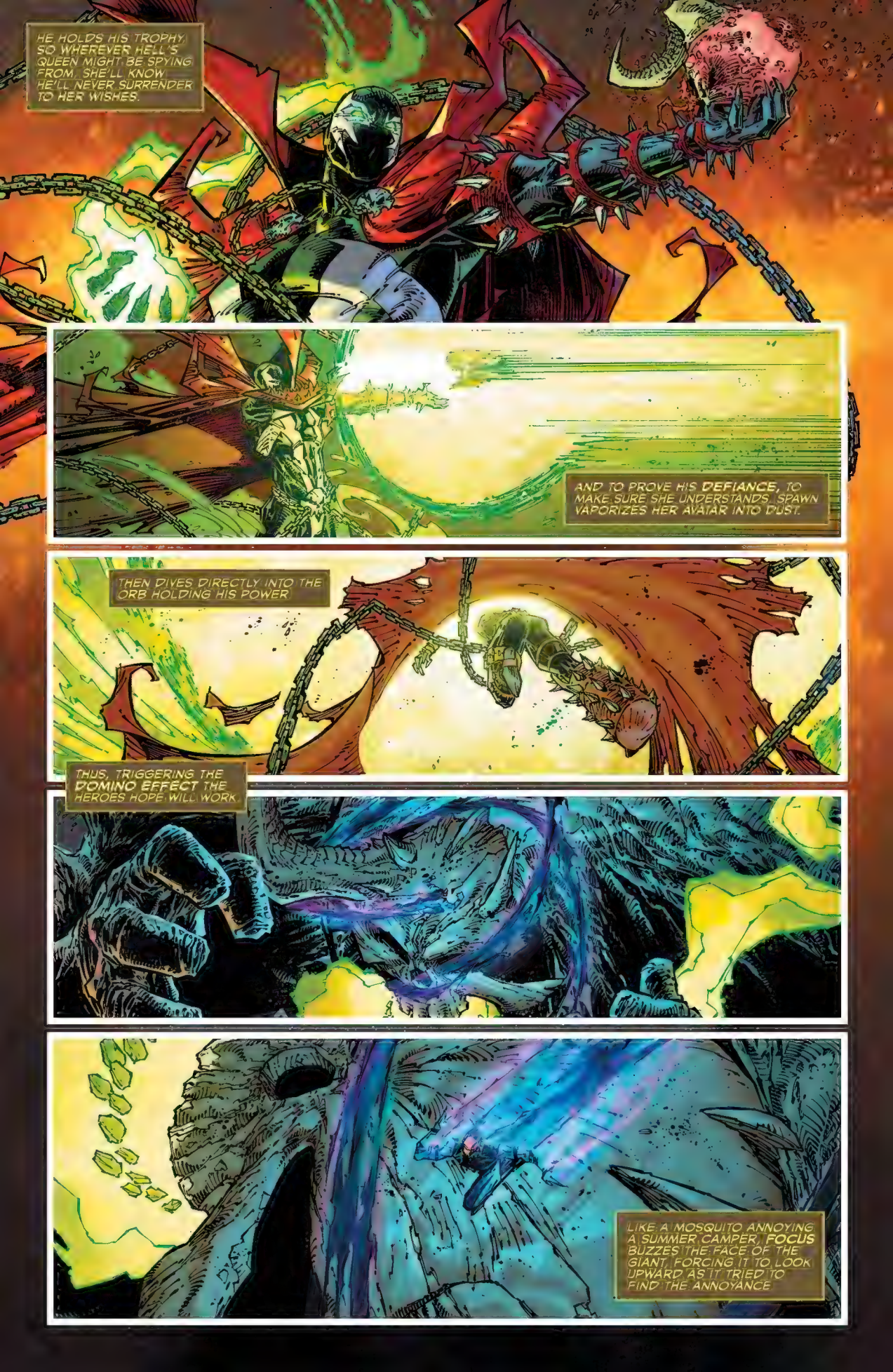
SO WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT THING TO GO WHERE WE WANT, LIKE LAUGHEIM MOVERS.
WHO?
A MOVING COMPANY I USED TO USE BEFORE I BECAME SPAWN. DAN AND HIS CREW COULD MOVE ANYTHING, ANYWHERE, WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT.
THEN LET'S MOVE THAT SON OF A BITCH BEFORE IT KILLS AGAIN.
THEY QUICKLY HUDDLE, MAKING SURE EACH OF THEM HAS A ROLE TO PLAY.

FIRST UP IS SPAWN...
HE'S AT THE CORE OF WHY THIS IS ALL HAPPENING. AND SADLY, THE REASON SO MANY HAVE DIED TODAY.
HIS JOB IS TO KEEP NYX, HELL AND THIS CREATURE TARGETED ON HIM, NOT THE INNOCENT.
FOR NOW, THAT WORKS.
THE CREATURE STOPS THEN RELEASES ONE RE-ANIMATED CORPSE FROM ITS BODY:
A SCALED DOWN MESSENGER TO BE NYX'S VOICE. ONE THAT EERILY RESEMBLES AL SIMMONS' BURNT FORM.


YOU CAN STOP ALL THIS, SIMMONS. THE KILLINGS, THE SUFFERING THESE HUMANS ARE GOING THROUGH. IT ALL GOES AWAY IF YOU JUST DO YOUR JOB.
USE THAT ENERGY YOU JUST SHOWED OFF TO "AWAKEN" MY GIANT'S POTENTIAL. IT'S HEAVEN I'M AFTER, NOT EARTH.
SAVE YOUR PLANET.
UP NEXT IS THE SPEEDSTER FOCUS.
HE LITERALLY RUNS UP THE GIANT'S BODY UNDETECTED

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE YOU, NYX?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. AND IF I WANTED EARTH, I'D HAVE ALREADY TAKEN IT. I WANT GOD'S HEAD, NOT YOURS.
THEN COMES HAUNT, TAYLOR, AND POACHER...
ONE TO BUILD A WEAPON
ANOTHER TO DISORIENT THE ENEMY.
THE LAST TO TOPPLE THE GIANT.
ON THEIR OWN, THEIR ACTIONS ARE FUTILE. TOGETHER, THEY JUST MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE.

FILL THIS ORB WITH YOUR NECRO-POWER, JUST A SMALL DOSE OF THAT ENERGY BORN IN HELL. YOU HAVE THE ONE PIECE I'M MISSING.
AND YOU LEAVE EARTH IF I DO THIS?
I WILL.
SPAWN CONCEDES, BEGINNING TO FILL THE ORB, BUT WHEN IT'S NEARLY FULL HE DOES THE UNEXPECTED...
HE KNEW HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO TRUST HELL, BUT HE'S SURPRISED THAT HELL THOUGHT THEY COULD TRUST HIM!!
IT TAKES MERE SECONDS TO COMPLETE THE DECAPITATION!


HE HOLDS HIS TROPHY, SO WHEREVER HELL'S QUEEN MIGHT BE SPYING FROM, SHE'LL KNOW HE'LL NEVER SURRENDER TO HER WISHES.
AND TO PROVE HIS DEFIANCE, TO MAKE SURE SHE UNDERSTANDS, SPAWN VAPORIZES HER AVATAR INTO DUST.
THEN DIVES DIRECTLY INTO THE ORB HOLDING HIS POWER
THUS, TRIGGERING THE DOMINO EFFECT THE HEROES HOPE WILL WORK.
LIKE A MOSQUITO ANNOYING A SUMMER CAMPER, FOCUS BUZZES THE FACE OF THE GIANT, FORCING IT TO LOOK UPWARD AS IT TRIED TO FIND THE ANNOYANCE

BUT THE GIANT'S MOVEMENTS, LIKE THE DEADLY SIN... SLOTH... ARE MUCH TOO SLOW.
IN THE CREST OF PILED RUBBLE NOT FAR AWAY, HAUNT CONTINUES TO FORM HIS SCULPTURE OF OOZE AND CARTILAGE. HE'S NEVER ATTEMPTED ANYTHING ON THIS SCALE AS EXHAUSTION STARTS TO SET IN.
BUT KNOWING WHAT'S AT RISK HE PUSHES HIMSELF EVEN HARDER. THEN MOVES ON.
MY MISSION'S COMPLETE. CAN YOU DO YOURS?
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

FOCUS HAS THE BEAST LOOKING AWAY. I'LL GET INTO POSITION AND WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL.
THE STRANGE WARRIOR MANEUVERS AS CLOSE AS HE CAN TO ONE OF THE GIANT'S LEGS, THEN WAITS.
MINUTES LATER, SPAWN SPREADS HIS CAPE, THUS GIVING HIS TEAM THEIR FINAL SIGNAL.
CHUKK
AND WITH THAT, A MASSIVE AXE IS SWUNG WITH THE FORCE OF A HURRICANE.

THE BLOW SEVERS THE CREATURE'S LEG BELOW HIS KNEE..!
TAYLOR FLIES IN ABOVE, FORCING THE MONSTER TO REACH OUT, TRYING TO KILL ITS OPPONENT.
THAT COMBINATION MAKES THE BEAST LOSE ITS BALANCE AS IT LEANS BACK WHILE LOSING ONE OF ITS FOOTINGS.
AND THEN FINALLY, SPAWN, BACK IN THE POWER ORB, APPROACHES THE BEAST.
FROM A DISTANCE, THOSE WHO'VE BEEN LOCKED OUT WONDER.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

THE ANSWER IS: **EVERYTHING!**

ALL AT ONCE.

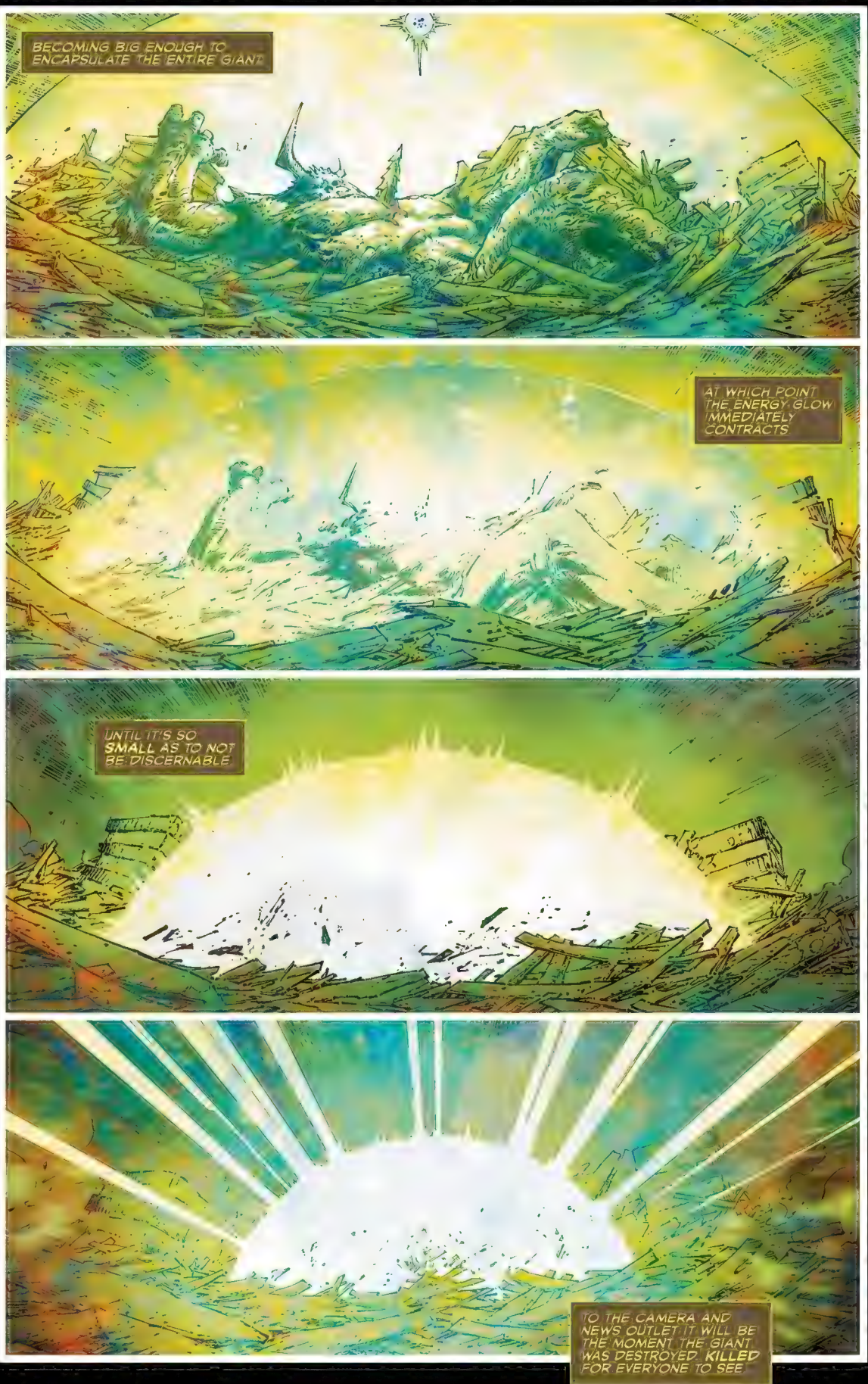
AS TV CAMERAS ROLL FROM A DISTANCE, THEY CAPTURE A MOMENT THAT WILL BE WRITTEN AND TALKED ABOUT FOR **DECADES** ABOUT HOW THE GIANT ALIEN CREATURE, LIKE SOME REAL-LIFE GODZILLA, FELL TO ITS DEATH **IMPALED** BY A MASSIVE **SPIKE** CREATED BY ONE OF THE HEROES OF THAT DAY.

THEY'LL HEAP PRAISE UPON THE SELECT FEW WHO RISKED EVERYTHING TO PROTECT SOME MANY OTHERS.

IT WILL ALSO MARK THE TIME WHEN THE WORLD BECAME FULLY AWARE OF THE EXTENT THAT **"HEROES AND VILLAINS"** NOW ROAMED EARTH.

EVERYONE OKAY?

THEY NOD IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
I HAVE TO DO ONE LAST THING--THE ENERGY ORB WAS MEANT TO EXPAND THAT DEMON'S POWERS. I'M GOING TO LET IT EXPAND.
FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE.
BUT I'LL NEED TO DRAIN SOME POWER FROM EACH OF YOU.
HE EXPLAINS THAT HE NEEDS TO BE 'TOUCHED' BY EACH OF THEM...
...TO TURBO CHARGE THE BUBBLE.
THEN FILL THE REST OF THE ORB WITH HIS OWN POWERS.
TRIGGERING IT TO GROW LARGER AND LARGER!


BECOMING BIG ENOUGH TO ENCAPSULATE THE ENTIRE GIANT
AT WHICH POINT THE ENERGY GLOW IMMEDIATELY CONTRACTS
UNTIL IT'S SO SMALL AS TO NOT BE DISCERNABLE
TO THE CAMERA AND NEWS OUTLET IT WILL BE THE MOMENT THE GIANT WAS DESTROYED. KILLED FOR EVERYONE TO SEE

THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THAT IT'S NOT HOW IT ALL WENT DOWN.
HOW SPAWN HAD SIMPLY ALTERED HELL'S SERVANT'S STATURE
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS.

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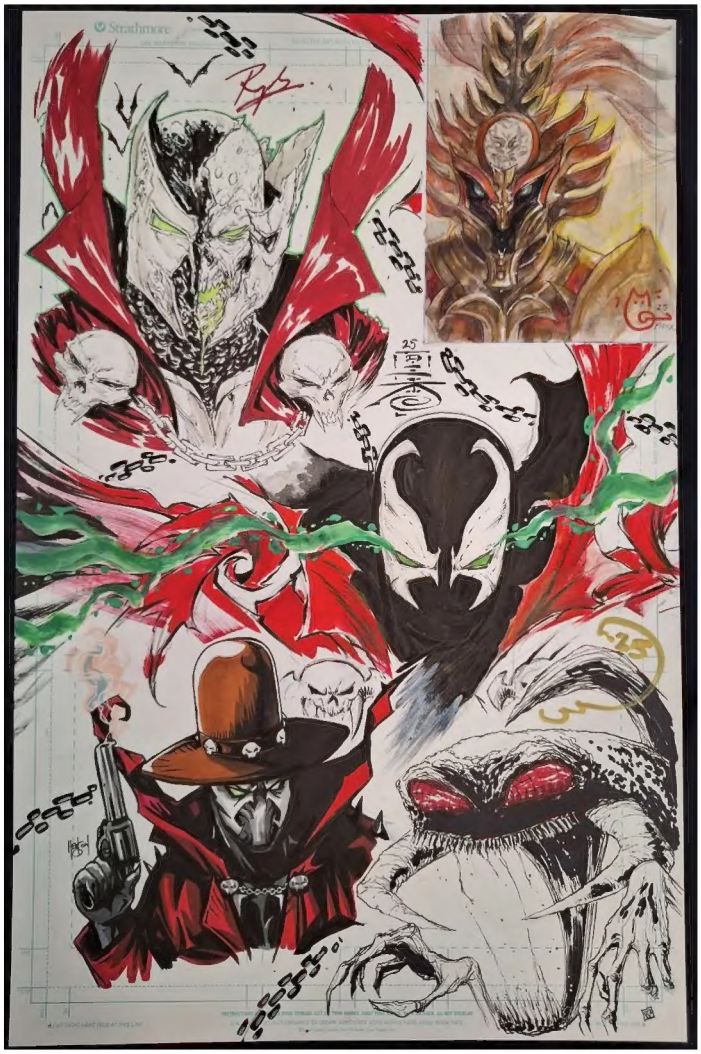
SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS: CUSTOM ART

This month's Spawning Ground was sent in by Brandon Nguyen, who we met at Phoenix Fan Fusion 2025. It is a custom art mashup featuring several pieces by notable Spawn artists, and other local artists, using their preferred mediums.



Raymond Gay - Medieval Spawn; Micron Pens, OLO markers, Posca marker, Copic marker
Mog Park - Mandarin Spawn; Watercolor, BK * Acrylic, pencil
Danny Miki - Classic Spawn; Pentel brush pens, Copic wide, Sharpie Creative markers
Eric Henson - Gunslinger Spawn; Micron pens, Ohuhu alcohol markers
Bobby Breed - Violator; Pencils, inks , Copic marker

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NEED MORE SPAWN'S UNIVERSE?

DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES

SPAWN

KING SPAWN

SCORCHED

GUNSLINGER SPAWN

KING SPAWN #47
JULY 2025

GUNSLINGER #45
JULY 2025

SCORCHED #43
JULY 2025

SPAWN CROSSOVER *GEIGER*
RECKLESS **EAST OF WEST** **I KILL GIANTS**
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRUTH ***SEX CRIMINALS***
KILLADELPHIA
SAVAGE DRAGON BATTLE CHASERS
PRETTY DEADLY **BLACK SCIENCE** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE
MONSTRESS **CHEW** *SWEET PAPRIKA*
GIDEON FALLS
MOONSTRUCK UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY **SKYWARD** OBLIVION SONG
DESCENDER ***PAPER GIRLS*** **THE OLD GUARD**
INVINCIBLE WANTED *BITTER ROOT*
STRAY DOGS WHAT'S THE FURTHEST PLACE FROM HERE **SNOTGIRL**
SAGA *KICK-ASS* **WITCHBLADE** *ISOLA*
INKBLOT
GOD COUNTRY **CRIMINAL** DIE
FIRE POWER *NOCTERRA*
HAPPY! JUPITER'S LEGACY
LITTLE BIRD **RAT QUEENS** **RADIANT BLACK**
ICE CREAM MAN **DECORUM** ***BITCH PLANET***
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